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SUBJECT: TRANSPORT/DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD IN SAHEL.

ABIDJAN FOR REDSO, YAOUNDE FOR ADO, USEC FOR MARTIN,
ROME FOR FODAG, LONDON FOR BAAS, PARIS FOR HELMAN, MONROVIA
FOR BROWN.

1. TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION OF FOOD NEEDS AND INTERNAL
DISTRIBUTION DONATED FOOD DURING BRUSSELS DONOR MEETING,
APPRECIATE YOUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF ADEQUACY OF DONOR
COMMITMENTS TO DATE FOR PRE-HARVEST PERIOD AND OF TRANSPORT/
STORAGE SITUATION IN PERIOD PRIOR HARVEST OF 1974.

2. WE SPECIFICALLY DESIRE YOUR VIEWS ON THE PRESENT
CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM TO DEAL WITH THE REQUIREMENTS YOU
FORESEE AT THIS TIME. CAN THE GRAIN CURRENTLY COMMITTED BE
HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY IN DISTRIBUTION WITHOUT RESORTING TO
AIRLIFT? WHAT DONOR/COUNTRY ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO
ELIMINATE BOTTLENECKS, IMPROVE ABILITY TO TRANSPORT,
CONSTRUCT STORAGE CAPACITY (ESPECIALLY IN REMOTE AREAS),
AND INSURE SMOOTH AND EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF SYSTEM IN
PERIOD AHEAD? ARE GOVERNMENTS FOCUSSED ON SUPPLYING THE
MOST REMOTE AND DIFFICULT TO REACH REGIONS BEFORE THE RAINY
SEASON (MALI'S SICTH, NORTH AND EAST NIGER, NORTHERN UPPER
VOLTA, ETCETERA), AND HOW DO THEY PROPOSE TO HANDLE THE
SITUATION THIS YEAR? WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
IDENTIFYING ANY GAPS WHICH MAY EXIST THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN

DDRESSED, AND WHICH MIGHT BE ELIMINATED OR EASED IN THE
ADDRESSED, AND WHICH MIGHT BE ELIMINATED OR EASED IN THE
SHORT TERM.

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3. TO FACILITATE YOUR RESPONSE, FOLLOWING ARE THE PRIMARY
AREAS OF OUR INTEREST. COMPARISON TO SITUATION IN LAST
YEAR WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

A. LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL BOTTLENECKS IN LAST YEAR:

1. PORT
2. RAILROAD

3. ABILITY TO MOVE FOOD FROM RAILHEAD
4. ROAD SYSTEM
5. TRUCKING CAPACITY
6. STORAGE CAPACITY
7. DISTRIBUTION NETWORK AND HOST/COUNTRY MANAGEMENT

B. CHANGES MADE TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION/DISTRIBUTION

C. EXPECTED WEAKNESSES IN SYSTEM THIS YEAR

D. KNOWN GOVERNMENT/DONOR ACTIONS CONTEMPLATED TO MEET WEAKNESSES (INCLUDING TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND VALUE OF COMMITMENT)

E. WHAT AVONS ARE STILL REQUIRED TO INSURE CONVENTIONAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM CAN HANDLE FOOD DISTRIBUTION NEEDS WITHOUT RESORT TO AIRLIFT, OG OOTHER EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES?

F. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FRANK ASSESSMENT OF GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO HANDLE TRANSPORT/DISTRIBUTION IN PERIOD AHEAD, VIS-A-VIS LAST YEAR.

4. IN VIEW SHORT TIME PERIOD PRIOR DONOR MEETING (FEBRUARY 12), REQUEST PRIORITY REPLIES TO US MISSION EC BRUSSELS FOR MARTIN BY COB MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11. PLEASE COPY TO MONROVIA FOR BROWN. SEPTELS FOLLOW ON FAO MULTI-DONOR MISSION SUMMARY REPORT TABLE IV (NEEDS OF ISOLATED ZONES), AND EFFORTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO MEET FAO DESCRIBED REQUIREMENTS FOR STOCKS-IN-POSITION PRIOR TO RAINY SEASON,OLAND FED P ROGRAMS OF URGENT FINANCIAL AID.
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